

Are there any other requirements that are pertinent to sidewalk signs that I need to be aware of because the sidewalks downtown Fremont are in the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) right-of-way?

- The owner of the sign must provide proof of insurance in the amount determined from time to time by the Fremont City Council and shall provide proof that the City of Fremont is an additional named insured on the policy.
- The zoning administrator must approve the location of the sidewalk sign since it is in the right-of-way.
- A zoning sign permit must be provided to the City. The sign permit costs \$20.00.
- A Sidewalk Sign permit must also be completed. This permit requires proof of insurance. There is no charge for this permit.

Fremont Community Joint Planning and Zoning

Downtown Commercial District (C-1) Sidewalk Signs

Zoning Regulations for Sidewalk Signs in the Downtown Commercial District (C-1)



Questions may be directed to the Zoning Administrator at the following government units:

City of Fremont
101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412
231-924-2101
www.cityoffremont.net

Dayton Township Hall
3215 S. Stone Road
Fremont, MI 49412
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Sheridan Charter Township Hall
6360 S. Township Parkway
Fremont, MI 49412
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Which Zoning Districts in the Fremont community allow the use of sidewalk signs?

The Downtown Commercial District is the only District in the Fremont community that allows the use of sidewalk signs.

Where in the Downtown Commercial District may the sidewalk signs be placed?

- Sidewalk signs shall be limited to locations within ten (10) feet of the primary entrance to the use with which they are associated unless the sidewalk sign is for a special event that is taking place downtown.
- If the sidewalk sign is to advertise a special event taking place downtown, the sidewalk sign may be permitted if it satisfies all the other pertinent regulations.
- The sign must be placed in a location downtown that is approved by the Fremont zoning administrator via a special event permit.

- The sign shall be placed no less than two (2) feet from a curb.
- No sidewalk sign shall be placed in a manner that reduces the travel width of a required sidewalk to less than five (5) feet.

What are the size requirements for sidewalk signs?

- No sidewalk sign shall be higher than 4-1/2 feet or more than 3 feet wide.

How long can a sidewalk sign be displayed?

The sign can be out on the sidewalk during business hours, but the sign shall be removed from the sidewalk and taken inside at the close of business each day.

What materials may be used for the sidewalk sign?

- The sign must be constructed of weather-proof, durable material and kept in good repair. The sign must be constructed of

wood, metal or other natural material and must be heavy enough to withstand normal wind loads and occasional jostling by pedestrians, etc. Plastic signs are not allowed.

- Changeable letters (reader board/message board) or handwritten advertisements are allowed on sidewalk signs, but the signs must be maintained so as not to have letters that do not stay in place.